

**BOOKSTORE COMMITTEE
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For the Committee:

Chin-Tser Huang (Engineering)

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As reported on July 16, 2008, FY08 net sales for the University Bookstore totaled \$11,713,806, a 10% increase from the previous year. This total included a 7% increase in new textbook sales and a 2% increase in used textbook sales.

On March 6, 2008, the committee met with Bookstore manager, Andy Shaffer, and Helen Zeigler, Director, Office of Business Affairs and other staff members from the bookstore. Helen Doerpinghaus, Associate Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies, was also in attendance. Mr. Shaffer reported on store operations, book order statistics and December book buyback numbers which increased by 22%. Also, he announced that our café has the highest volume of any in the country. Additionally, Mr. Shaffer mentioned the launch of their new system which tracks faculty book orders. This system can store book order history for 2 years, making it faster and easier to place requests for frequently used books.

During the meeting, the Committee also discussed ways of increasing timely book adoptions and orders from faculty teaching summer and fall courses. Along with the periodic email reminders, the Committee brainstormed other strategies for encouraging timely orders including designing and sending postcards. As a result of money saved through the availability of used textbooks, the Bookstore generated over \$1,500,000 in scholarship funds for students in 2007-2008.

Finally, Committee members present briefly discussed the existing committee charge and how, due to the expertise and efficiency of Mr. Shaffer and the Bookstore staff in handling any grievances, the charge may need to be re-examined. The Committee suggests that the charge be reviewed and perhaps rewritten through the appropriate means.

Two Committee members rotate off this year, Laurel Baker (Libraries) and Chin-Tser Huang (Engineering). The Committee welcomes two new members elected in 2008, Marilee Birchfield (Libraries) and Susan Lessner (School of Medicine). Currently, there is a vacant position on the Committee previously filled by Dwight Underhill (Public Health) who left the University during 2008.

The 2008-2009 Bookstore Committee Chair will be Kimberly Glenn (Nursing) k.glenn@sc.edu.

Respectfully submitted on August 14, 2008,

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Chair, Bookstore Committee